

REMARKS

The present invention is a method of accessing remote data from a portable device, the portable device having a user interface comprising input means and a display, a browser for accessing data from a remote server and a method of accessing remote data. A method of accessing remote data from a portable device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention includes monitoring a user interface 10 of the portable device for a selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information 30 presented to the user of the portable device on a display 8, each of the plurality of items of information being associated with further information stored on a remote server 22; in response to the selection of an item of information from the plurality of items of information, sending a first request to the remote server for the further information; waiting for the receipt of the further information in response to the first request; while waiting for the receipt of the further information, checking whether any non-selected item of information from the plurality of items of information includes a preloadable indication and, in response to detecting the indication, sending a request for further information stored on the server which is associated with any non-selected item to the remote server; and on receipt of the further information, presenting to a user an indicator of receipt thereof, the indicator comprising a momentary display of the receipt of further information. See page 10, lines 8-20, of the original specification regarding the receipt of pages including a "preloadable attribute" which results in a request being automatically sent for the associated information stored by the remote server. Moreover, the use of icon 34 or a momentary display to indicate receipt of information (from server 22) as

described on page 8 of the original specification is also understood to signify that the received information is available locally.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent 6,070,184 (Blount et al) in view of United States Patent 6,011,537 (Slotnick et al). This ground of rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Newly submitted independent claims 16, 25, 28, 29 and 30, which correspond to original claims 1, 10, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended to substantively recite a portable device which communicates with a remote server with selections of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to a user of the portable device resulting in the sending of a first request to the remote server for the further information and checking whether any non-selected item of information from the plurality of items of information includes a preloadable indication, and in response to detecting the preloadable indication, sending a request for further information stored on the server which is associated with any non-selected item. There is no counterpart of this subject matter in the proposed combination of Blount et al and Slotnick et al including the checking whether any non-selected item of information from the plurality of items of information includes a preloadable indication followed by the detection of the preloadable indication and retrieving the information which is associated with any non-selected item which is stored by the server which is preloadable. Moreover, claims 16, 25 and 28 further recite the receipt of the further information associated with the detecting of the preloadable indication is signified by momentarily displaying the information or an icon which has no counterpart in the proposed combination of Blount et al and Slotnick et al.

While Blount et al do disclose the retrieval of multiple items of information as indicated by Blount et al at step 264, it is submitted that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not be led to modify the teachings of Blount et al to arrive at the subject matter of claims 16, 25, 28, 29 and 30 pertaining to the preloadable indication.

Solznick et al has been cited as teaching the momentary display of received associated information. However, Slotznick et al do not suggest the aforementioned checking whether any non-selected item of information from a plurality of items of information includes a preloaded indication followed by requesting of further information stored on the server which is associated with any non-selected item identified by the preloadable indication. The momentary display of information taught by Slotznick et al would not suggest the claimed momentary display of the information associated with the preloadable indication or an icon representing the receipt of the information associated with the preloadable indication. The only basis why a person of ordinary skill in the art would be led to modify Blount et al with of Slotznick et al would be to engage in impermissible hindsight.

Dependent claims 17-24 and claims 26 and 27 further limit independent claims 16 and 25 in a manner which is not obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art from the combined teachings of Blount et al and Solznick.

Newly submitted claim 31 defines a method of accessing remote data including monitoring a user interface for the selection of an item of information from a plurality of items of information presented to the user on a display with each item of information being associated with further information stored on a remote server and wherein, on presentation of said further information relating to a first request,

checking whether said further information contains one or more items of information associated with further information and sending a request to the remote server for further information associated with all of the items of information and on receipt of the further information, presenting to the user an indicator indicating that said further information is available through a local memory. It is submitted that this subject matter is not disclosed by the proposed combination of Blount et al and Solznick.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0171.40296X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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